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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

GASPARRINI ET AL

Examiner

Ren L Yan

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 March 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 35-43 and 51 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 35-43 and 51 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: Species as shown by Figs. 2, 6 and 7.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, no claim is generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

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Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ren L Yan whose telephone number is 703-308-0978. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Hilten can be reached on 703-308-0719. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-7722 for regular communications and 703-308-5841 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0956.


Ren L Yan
Primary Examiner
Art Unit 2854

Ren Yan
January 9, 2002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : C. Robert Gasparrini et al. Art Unit: 2854
Serial No. : 09/211,030 Examiner: R. Yan
Filed : December 14, 1998
For : **SOAK ON SITE AND SOAK ON PRESS
CLEANING SYSTEM AND METHOD OF USING SAME**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Preliminary to a substantive examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 1-34 and 44-50 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 35 and add new claim 51 as follows:

35. (Amended) A method of presoaking cloth for cleaning a cylinder in a printing press, the method comprising:

contacting a strip of cleaning fabric with a low volatility, compound solvent which does not evaporate readily at ambient temperature and pressure and soaking and saturating said strip of cleaning fabric with said solvent:

wrapping said strip of cleaning fabric to form a cleaning fabric supply roll;
and

engaging said saturated cleaning fabric supply roll with a printing press having a cylinder to be cleaned without disposing of a heat-sealed plastic sleeve about said fabric

roll and without substantially disturbing the distribution of said solvent in said fabric roll and detrimentally affecting the cleaning ability of the fabric.

--51. (New) A method of presoaking cloth for cleaning a cylinder in a printing press, the method comprising:

contacting a cleaning fabric supply roll with a low volatility, compound solvent which does not evaporate readily at ambient temperature and pressure and soaking and saturating said cleaning fabric supply roll with said solvent; and

engaging said saturated cleaning fabric supply roll with a printing press having a cylinder to be cleaned without disposing of a heat-sealed plastic sleeve about said fabric roll and without substantially disturbing the distribution of said solvent in said fabric roll and detrimentally affecting the cleaning ability of the fabric.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 and 44-50 have been cancelled and claim 35 has been amended.

Claim 51 has been added. No new matter has been added.

Claims 35-43 is directed to a method of presoaking cloth for cleaning a cylinder in a printing press. The cloth is pre-soaked, in proximity to the press, with a low volatility, compound solvent and then wrapped to form a cleaning fabric supply roll. This roll is then engaged with a printing press having a cylinder to be cleaned. As indicated in the specification, this method allows transportation of the presoaked cleaning fabric supply roll to the press without substantially disturbing the distribution of the solvent in the cleaning fabric supply roll and detrimentally affecting the cleaning ability of the fabric. Also, this method is

environmentally safe because there is no need to dispose of a heat-sealed plastic sleeve, unlike that required by U.S. Patent No. 5,368,157 to Gasparrini et al.

New claim 51 is directed to a method of presoaking an entire cleaning fabric supply roll for cleaning a cylinder in a printing press. The entire cleaning fabric supply roll is pre-soaked, in proximity to the press, with a low volatility, compound solvent. This roll is then engaged with a printing press having a cylinder to be cleaned.

In the event that a telephone conference would advance examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 0140-4126US4.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 1-34 and 44-50 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 35 as follows:

35. (Amended) A method of presoaking cloth for cleaning a cylinder in a printing press, the method comprising:

[(a)] contacting a strip of cleaning fabric with a low volatility, compound solvent which does not evaporate readily at ambient temperature and pressure and soaking and saturating said strip of cleaning fabric with said solvent; [and]

[(b)] wrapping said strip of cleaning fabric to form a cleaning fabric supply roll; and

[(c)] engaging said saturated cleaning fabric supply roll with a printing press having a cylinder to be cleaned without disposing of a heat-sealed plastic sleeve about said fabric roll and without substantially disturbing the distribution of said solvent in said fabric roll and detrimentally affecting the cleaning ability of the fabric.